

109TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 1440

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 17, 2005

Mr. SANDERS (for himself, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Mr. PAUL, Mr. BOUCHER, Mr. McDERMOTT, and Ms. WATSON) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Stamp Out Censorship  
5       Act of 2005”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION.**

2       Section 503 of the Communications Act of 1934 (47  
3 U.S.C. 503) is amended by adding at the end the following  
4 new subsection:

5       “(c) INDECENCY AUTHORITY AVAILABLE ONLY  
6 WITH RESPECT TO BROADCASTING.—This section shall  
7 be construed to permit the Commission to impose a for-  
8 feiture penalty under this section with respect to any inde-  
9 cent utterance only if that utterance is broadcast by a  
10 radio or television broadcasting station.”.

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